

### REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121), Applicant hereby resubmits the entire "Amendments to the Claims" section from its Amendment dated April 12, 2004. Applicant submits that the claims are now presented in the proper listing format, and that the claims each have the proper status identifier. Accordingly, the Amendment dated April 12, 2004 should now be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider this application.

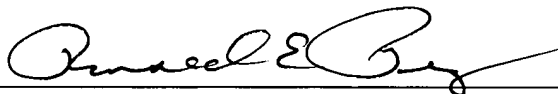
The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should there be any resolvable matters regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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